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Mercedes is a finalist in the Miss British Isles competition

Former Champion delivery girl to take on ration challenge

A FORMER Champion delivery girl from Skelmersdale will take on a 'ration challenge' and will only eat the equivalent of the food parcels given to Syrian refugees.

Mercedes Broad, 21, the current Miss West

Lancashire, will take part in the challenge between September 13-19. The Ration Challenge initiative aims to raise money for the refugee crisis.

refugee crisis.

Each day, she will only be able to eat what is in her 'ration pack', which consists of 420g of rice, 170g of lentils, 85g of dried chickpeas, 120g of tinned sardines, 400g of tinned kidney beans and 330ml of vegetable oil. Continued on page 3

ILS RETUR I CLASSROO

Schools are back amid Covid concerns

Report by **Tom Martin**

IT'S been a long wait but pupils have finally returned to classrooms across West Lancashire.

The new term for schools managed by Lancashire

County Council began yesterday (Tuesday, September 1), when youngsters from all year groups returned to their primary and secondary schools.

Although this is the date given by the county council, schools could reopen on different dates this week.

Some pupils have been taught in school during lockdown, including those who are the children of key workers, but the vast majority have not been in the classroom since March.

The government announced last week that secondary pupils will have to wear face coverings in school corridors if their local area is put back into lockdown restrictions. Headteachers in any secondary school will also have the 'flexibility' to introduce masks in their schools.

Schools will look and feel different when the new term starts because of some of the measures that have been put in place to manage the risks that remain from coronavirus. Arrangements include an enhanced cleaning programme, additional signage and one-way



Pupils have returned to school

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all year groups, are expected to return to

school in September, and it is our firm intention

to achieve this, as long as it is safe to do so'

Lancashire County Council

new requirements relating to regular handwashing, hand sanitising and social distancing between staff and pupils will continue to be followed.

systems where necessary. The implementation of the

These requirements, say health experts, provide the best protection against infection from COVID-19. Staff will be adhering to these themselves and ensur-

ing that pupils do the same.

Every school across the borough has carried out comprehensive health and safety risk assessments as part of their planning for the return of pupils to make sure that everyone is safe in school.

Children and young people across all ages and stages will be required to remain within specified groups at all times and safe distancing expectations will apply in specific situations whilst within the education establishment and when travelling to and from schools or settings.

Robust contingency plans are in place should there be a national or local outbreak of the virus.

County Councillor Phillippa Williamson, cabinet member for children, young people and schools, said: "I would like to personally thank parents for their patience, understanding and cooperation during what has certainly been an incredibly difficult and unpreced-

ented time.

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Concerns over continued closure of overnight service at children's A&E

'Community wants to know when it will return' says councillor

Report by **Tom Martin**

CONCERNS have been raised about the continued closure of the overnight children's accident and emergency

facilities at Ormskirk Hospital.
Since the virus outbreak, Southport & Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust has been forced into making changes to opening hours across different wards and departments and, at the moment, the children's A&F is closed between 10pm to 8am.

Southport councillor Pat Keith is worried that if children need overnight A&E treat-ment, they will have to travel to Alder Hey Children's Hospital in Liverpool, which is roughly an 18 to 20 mile drive from Ormskirk Hospital.

She said: "It is very worrying that there is no date set for the reopening of this crucial overnight children's department.

"What this means at the moment is that a child requiring overnight A&E treatment either has to be driven by the family to Alder Hey, which can mean a 40 mile or so round trip – or be taken there by ambulance. Either way precious time can be

"I fully understand the stresses and strains placed on the NHS during the pandemic and I am the last person to criticise



Cllr Pat Keith at Ormskirk Hospital

how they have responded. But the provision of overnight children's A&E facilities is hugely important and I think the whole community would like some information on when this would return.

A spokesperson for the hospital trust said: "The children's accident and emergency department at Ormskirk hospital temporarily closed between 10pm and 8am daily from Monday, April 6.

"This difficult decision was taken because the Trust could not maintain safe and consistent emergency medical cover overnight while the focus of our staff was on Covid-19

"Although the number of Covid cases has

fallen, the effects of the virus continue to disrupt the work of our clinical teams serving Southport and Ormskirk hospitals. We also need to be able to respond quickly to any increase in hospital cases.

"The Trust keeps the temporary closure of the department under constant review with the support of NHS partners. In all other respects, children's A&E continues to operate normally.

"Parents who need urgent medical advice overnight should seek advice from NHS 111. In an emergency, always call 999. Ambulance patients are taken directly to Alder Hey children's hospital in



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Mercedes ready for Ration Challenge to help refugees

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Mercedes is a former deputy head girl at Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Engineering College, in Skelmersdale, and a graduate of the University of Aberdeen.

After her degree ended and she returned to her home in Ashurst, Mercedes found an interest in beauty pageants and following her success in Miss West Lancashire, is a finalist in the Miss British Isles competition, to be held in

Chester later this year. She will begin studying towards her postgraduate Masters in Peace and Conflict at the University of Manchester, whilst working part time in the care sector, with the ultimate ambition to work with those seeking refuge from war-torn areas.



She said: "I hope by doing this I will gain some insight into how difficult life for a refugee is; the difference being, I will have my family and friends around me and so many refugees are now finding themselves alone. "I hope to one day work with refugees and

displaced persons, and as my friends and family support me in my work towards that goal I am asking for them to also support me in this

challenge.
"I have received my ration pack and seeing how little there really is to eat for the week was a shock.

"It's difficult to understand that this is the reality for a lot of people, especially when I could hold all of the food in my hands at once, I couldn't even hold all the food I eat in a day in one hand normally.'

Scheme to drain village quarry edges closure

Report by **Tom Martin**

THE draining of a water-filled quarry in Appley Bridge, which is considered dangerous to swimmers, has edged closer.

East Quarry, which is regularly used for recreational use whenever there is

hot weather, looks set to be drained of its water by site owners Maybrook Developments.

There have been a number of deaths and serious injuries over the years and local authorities have consistently warned people it is not safe to swim in the quarry.

Last week MP Rosie Cooper was told by the Environment Agency that the final hurdle to Maybrook's planned draining of East Quarry is the granting of an 'abstraction licence'

Wigan Council have told Maybrook to discharge the water into the nearby manhole and not the existing pipes, so that the risk of flooding to the properties on Millbank is reduced. In order to undertake this action, Maybrook will need to apply for an abstraction licence, which is admin-istered through the Environment

Agency.
MP Cooper said: "Another summer of heavy use of the quarry for recreation has occurred with residents understandably concerned about people trespassing into the quarry and using it as a swimming area

Final hurdle is for site owner to now apply for 'abstraction licence' so water can be discharged into nearby manhole

where there has been injury and death in the past. I have been corresponding with Lancashire Constabulary, West Lancashire Borough Council and the quarry owners Maybrook Developments

seeking assurances that all has been done to discourage use of the quarry for swimming and secure the site from trespassing.

"While I understand that locally there are differing views about how

the future of the Quarry should be handled,I have been pursuing the Environment Agency, Wigan Council and Maybrook to obtain more information about the disputed draining of the

"I understand that the agencies now appear to be united in advising Maybrook that once they provide the required information to the EA, they can determine the existing application for an abstraction licence."



Health chiefs urge parents to make sure children's jabs up to date on school return

HEALTH chiefs are urging parents, families and guardians to contact their local GP practice to make sure their children's vaccinations are up to date

as they go back to school.

Representatives from the NHS across the north west believe that a failure to vaccinate youngsters could lead them to be at risk from avoidable illnesses.

This, they say, is because many children could have missed the routine pre-school booster for tetanus, polio,

diphtheria and whooping cough.

Local immunisation programmes
are available across the region as the

new school year gets underway. Dianne Draper, Screening

Immunisations Lead (SIL) for Lancashire and South and Cheshire and Merseyside said: "Vaccines are an Merseyside said: "Vaccines are an absolutely essential part of our children's health and wellbeing, so if you or any member of your household are not displaying symptoms of coronavirus and are not self-isolating, vaccinations should happen as normal

"Local services are working hard to ensure that people including babies, children and pregnant women still receive their routine vaccinations – they provide essential protection against potentially life-threatening diseases."

Schools and colleges are waiting to get back to teaching, say County Council chiefs

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"I know that this has been a challenging period for every-one, with families being impacted by the coronavirus situation in many ways.
"The Government is very clear

that all children, in all year groups, are expected to return to school in September, and it is our firm intention to achieve this, as long as it is safe to do

"I know that schools and colleges are ready and waiting to get back to teaching, with the right protective measures in place.
"As the start of term

approaches, I would like to encourage parents to think about the practicalities of returning to school.

"Whether that's finding out as much information as possible to reassure themselves that school is the best place for their child to be, or planning the school run to avoid public transport where possible.

Firefighters tackle blaze at former college building



Smoke coming from the former college site

FIREFIGHTERS were called out to tackle a fire at the former West Lansashire College building in

Emergency services were sent to the empty Westbank campus site, on Yewdale, at around 6.45pm on Monday, August 24 to reports of a blaze. It is believed the fire was started deliberately and

Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service say the "cause of

the fire is under investigation".

Firefighters used four breathing apparatus and a hose reel to extinguish the fire. There were no repor-

The Champion reported last week how Lancashire County Council are hopeful of demolishing the former college in the coming weeks after years of complaints from local residents of trespassing and the building becoming an eyesore.
West Lancashire MP Rosie Cooper said: "Only this

month I received confirmation that the buildings are set to be demolished but here we have yet another arson attack on the former West Lancashire College buildings on Yewdale.

'I have long called for these buildings to be demolished as they continue to attract trespassers and arsonists, posing a real risk to local Skelmersdale residents and firefighters.

"Now that Lancashire County Council have approved the acquisition of the former West Lan-cashireCollege buildings, I have asked the Chief Executive to get these buildings demolished quickly."





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County councillor claims £13-a-day for self-isolating workers is a 'disgrace' and more support is needed

Report by **Tom Martin**

COUNTY councillor Skelmersdale has hit out at the £13 per day government measure announced last week for workers on low incomes who have to selfisolate.

It was revealed on Thursday, August 27 that workers on low wages in parts of England where there are high rates of coronavirus will be able to claim up to £182 if they have to

self-isolate. Those who claim Universal Credit or Working Tax Credit and cannot work from home will be able to get the money - equal to £13 a day.

The benefit will be trialled in parts of north-west England first.

County Councillor Julie Gibson, who is the Shadow Cabinet Member for Economic Regenera-tion, has described it as a "disgrace" because she believes it is not enough support.

Critics of the government measure claim the £13 a day "goes nowhere near far enough", and there

are calls for people to get their full pay.

Cllr Gibson said: "This amount is a disgrace.

Every worker should have the right to decent sick pay and should not fear falling into debt if they have to self isolate.

"Back in June I called on the government to do two things – the first was to extend sick pay to cover all workers, and to raise it to the level of the real Living Wage, £320 per week.

"The second was to retain the income support

County councillor Julie Gibson

scheme as a source of financial support for those self-employed workers who are forced to self-isol-

ate.
"What we have here is a piecemeal attempt by the government to try and cover up for the fact that they have never had a proper strategy to deal with the effect of the virus on people who, through no fault of their own, are forced to self isolate.

"The current rate of statutory sick

pay is £96, these payments will push that level up to £182 but this is still nowhere near enough for people to live on; it is also important to remember that over two million workers in the UK are not covered by sick pay, so they will not qualify for anything.

"It is enough of a shock to receive news that you have coronavirus symptoms; to then find out that by self-isolating you could be financially worse off

is a double blow and one that could potentially plunge many people into poverty.

"I urge the government to re-think this strategy and not to add a financial burden to individuals and families who are forced to self-isolate at this already stressful time."

Health Secretary Matt Hancock said the aim of the scheme was to get money to people quickly at the start of their isolation "rather than afterwards".

The government said checks will be undertaken to make sure people who apply are unable to work from home. The payment will not reduce any other benefits that a person may already

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Headteacher tells off county council over 'lack of action' to tackle flooding issue

Report by Tom Martin

Ormskirk headteacher pupils at Aughton Town Green Primary School are being "let down" by Lancashire County Council over flooding issues.
Head Nick Huxley initially contacted

MP Rosie Cooper in February following Storm Ciara when the school was almost completely inaccessible due to a "river of water" stopping people entering through the school gates.

On that occasion, the school was forced to close at short notice leaving children without education and parents struggling to arrange childcare and

alternative arrangements.

Despite Mr Huxley meeting with members of the county council at the start of the year, there has been no progress on resolving the issue.

He said: "I really appreciate the support of Rosie Cooper MP with regards to our flooding issues and she describes the historic nature of the problem very well; but ultimately someone from the council must take action to solve the problem!

"Our school has had flood water in classes on four separate occasions this year alone. It is very clear that the floods are a result of a water course that is not fit for purpose along Town Green Lane, not on school grounds! Blockages then result in an archaic culvert spewing water onto school premises which then leads to flooding.

Let down

"Town Green Primary is a wonderful school with fantastic children and a sup-portive community. Our children love their school and get the very best educa-tion; however they are being let down by



Aughton Green Primary School and (inset) MP Cooper

Lancashire County Council with this one issue.

"Town Green Primary School opens this week having been closed to the majority of our

children since the start of the lockdown in March. Our staff have been working incredibly hard through the summer holi days to ensure we are safe to open for all pupils. It is ridiculous to think that another significant storm could cause us to shut the school again in a period when our children and parents need their school more than ever!
"My request is simple: stop the flooding

of Aughton Town Green Primary School and allow our children to have the education they deserve!

MP Cooper remains frustrated with Lan-cashire County Council's failure to act and resolve this issue, with the school and surrounding area experiencing further flooding this month.

MP Cooper said: "It is unacceptable that Aughton Town Green School and local residents have to put up with this flooding despite Lancashire County Council having been fully aware of the flooding issues here since at least February, and Mr Huxley describing it as a 'historic problem'.
"Lancashire County Council are both the

Local Lead Flood Authority and the Local Education Authority, this is for them to sort out, and they should sort it out quickly.

"Expecting the school to be able to stump up thousands of pounds in flood surveys, investigations and defences is simply ridiculous. They have already spent over £10,000 trying to resolve this themselves – any money they spend must come from budgets which should be used for children and their education.

"LCC tell me they believe there are issues upstream of the school so they need to get on and sort that out immedi-

ately.
"The school meanwhile believes the problem may be further down Town Green Lane as the water appears to back up there all the way to the school exacerbating the situation – LCC and United Utilites need to assess the gullies and sewer network here urgently.

"As we are approaching the start of the new school year for pupils and winter for local residents, it is vital that these issues are resolved once and for all to avoid my constituents having a wet cold winter and children having to miss more of their education. No acceptable!" more delays can be

'Defects' found in local drainage system blamed after tests are carried out

LANCASHIRE County Council has responded to concerns raised by staff at Aughton Green Primary School about flooding by carrying out an investigation into the local drainage system, which they say has found 'defects' that will need repair work.

Following the complaints made by headteacher Nick Huxley, the county council has completed the 'first stage of an investigation', which has found problems.

They hope repair work will now "improve the overall effectiveness' of the drainage system and help reduce the possibility of future flooding at the primary school

Rachel Crompton, flood risk manager for Lancashire County Council, said: "The flooding which has affected Aughton and the wider surrounding area this year is due to heavy and sustained rainfall events which local drainage networks were never designed cope with, but which are becoming part of our new normal as the UK climate changes.

Investigation

"We have completed the first stage of our investigation into the flooding issues affecting Aughton Town Green Primary School by carrying out a survey of the local drainage system.

"This has identified a number of

defects which, once repaired, will improve the overall effectiveness of the system and help to mitigate the cause of recent flooding, which is due to a bigger issue with capacity of local drainage sys-

"Some of these defects are on privately owned infrastructure and will require engagement with the owners in order to progress

repairs.
"We are still working to complete complex investigations into the causes of the serious flooding in February in order to publish a report which will serve as the basis for further local investigations to identify where viable projects may be developed, and grant funding secured, to mitigate future flooding."

The Champion has reported in

recent weeks how parts of West Lancashire have been hit particularly hard by flooding issues following recent bad weather.

In parts of Tarleton and Burscough, some homes were flooded and residents had to leave their bourses.

their houses.

It also affected farmland, with farmers claiming it ruined crops.
Lancashire County Council said

at the time that prolonged heavy rainfall caused widespread surface water flooding due to the volume of water overwhelming local drainage systems.

Residents asked to submit 'lockdown experiences' so future generations can learn about pandemic

WEST Lancashire residents are being asked to share their personal experiences of lockdown so that future generations can understand the impact of

It is a campaign by Lancashire County Council and so far they have received diaries, photographs and drawings, cartoons and handprints from local resid-

These entries will form part of the new collection that is being created as an educational tool for future generations who want to learn about the pandemic. The council's Archives Service is keen to include as

many of people's personal experiences as possible in the collection, and is reminding residents that they can still send in their entries to show how their life has changed.

Submissions can include artwork, sketches, stories, poems, sound recordings, short video recordings or photographs about what is different now and how this makes them feel.

County Councillor Peter Buckley, Lancashire County Council's cabinet member for community and cultural services, said: "As the coronavirus pandemic

continues, we think that it is important to carry on creating a lasting memory of this very challenging time, and we are reminding people that they can still

"We have had an incredible response so far, and I would like to thank everyone for this. The response has been from all age-groups, and this is really pleas-

"People have been so creative during these difficult

reopie have been so creative during these difficult times, and I think that it is important to record this social history for future generations.

"I'd like to encourage people to continue sharing their daily diary, or their feelings and thoughts expressed about a single day or event in prose or a poem. Residents can also share a recording, video or photograph about what life has been like at home. photograph about what life has been like at home, work or where they live in lockdown."

Contributions are welcomed from everyone, including children and young people. They can still be submitted by email: archives@lancashire.gov.uk or by hard copy including your name, age and the place where you live (not your full address) to Lancashire Archives, Bow Lane, Preston PR1 2RE.





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Post office staff praised for delivering during height of virus outbreak

Report by **Tom Martin**

STAFF at a Burscough post office have been praised for "going above and beyond" during lockdown to help their community.

Burscough Bridge Post Office was a finalist in

the 'We're Stronger Together' awards, which were held recently to recognise staff who helped to keep post delivered during the pandemic.

Led by Postmaster Craig Green-halgh, the staff were praised by Post Office Chief Executive Nick Read.

Post Office Area Manager Victoria Patching, said: "The team at Burscough Bridge Post Office were nominated for the Local Hero award for going above and beyond during the ongoing pandemic.

"Since lockdown started, they have remained open for every single possible hour including two Bank Holidays when they should have been closed, to provide the community with essential

"The Postmaster has picked up mail from vul-nerable customers, helped fellow retailers claim government support grants and loans, and opened an hour earlier every morning to help a business banking customer keep their cash flow.

"Burscough Bridge Post Office serves their community with total dedication and determination to delivering excellent customer service day in

and day out."

Nick Read, Chief Executive at the Post Office, said: "I have heard many inspiring stories of post-masters going the extra mile and I have welcomed the opportunity to hear first-hand how



postmasters in the north west and north Wales have fared during the pandemic including Burscough Bridge. All retailers have been affected and Post Office was no

exception "Post Office branches have a vital role to play in supporting their customers and communities, as well as helping small businesses and independent retailers get back on their feet."

West Lancashire MP Rosie Cooper also praised the staff, saying: "Congratulations to Burscough Bridge Post Office for reaching the finals in the Local Hero category of the 'We're Stronger Together' awards for service during the Covid-19 pandemic.

'The service provided by the Post Office during the lockdown has been invaluable and my thanks to Craig Greenhalgh and his team for supporting residents in Burscough and West Lancashire over the past six months."





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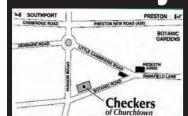


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Appeal after cyclist suffers serious head injuries in fall

Police launch investigation into incident, but don't believe any other vehicle was involved

By **Danielle Thompson**

APPEAL has launched for witnesses after a cyclist came off his bike and suffered lifethreatening head injuries in Skelmersdale.

The incident occurred at around 1.30pm on Monday, August 31 on Tanhouse Road, the junction Elmstead.

The cyclist - a 42-year-old man from Burscough - was riding along the road when he came off his Dawes mountain bike.

He was taken to hospital by ambulance and is now described as having suffered serious, possibly life-threatening, head injuries.

The road was closed for three hours while specialist collicion investigators attentions.

collision investigators attended the scene.

At this time, Lancashire Constabulary officers do not believe any other vehicles were involved, however they would like to hear from anybody who saw what happened



The corner of Tanhouse Road and Elmstead, taken from **Google Street View**

or saw the cyclist in the moments before.

Sgt Tracey Ward, of the Lancashire Police TacOps Team, said: "The cyclist has come off his bike while riding along Tanhouse Road and in the suffered extremely serious injuries. He remains in hospital and our thoughts are very much with

"Although we do not believe any other vehicles were involved, we are still trying to piece together exactly what led to the incident.

"Maybe you saw what happened, saw the cyclist in the moments before or perhaps you have dashcam footage taken in that area at around the same time.

"Whatever information vou have, we would urge you to get in touch straight away."

Anybody with information is asked to get in touch on 101, quoting log number 754 of August 31.



Volunteers welcome the Mayor of West Lancashire during an event held before social

Charity celebrates 40 years of supporting local residents

A CHARITY in West Lancashire which provides a range of support for the community has marked its 40th anniversary.

South West Lancashire Independent Community Advice Network (ICAN) provides benefits, employment law and debt advice, as well as running a drop-in computer suite.

It was first started in 1980 at the Ecumenical Centre, in Skelmersdale town centre.

Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Paul McConnell said: "It really is a tribute to the resilience, skill, hard work, and effective grassroots support that ICAN has survived all these years and are again proving a necessity in this current turbulent period.

"Being able to respond to local needs has been ICAN's great strength and relevance, diversity has also meant that the potential for a greater profile has not, till now been possible.

"We now work alongside many local and national organisations supporting families and individuals ensuring they get the right help and support they deserve, for many this will mean being lifted out of poverty, their health and well-being being improved and their quality of life improved. And there aren't many tter rewards for the work we do than that"

The future looks bright for ICAN. A recent successful lottery bid has provided for two new advisers and a dedicated IT facilitator and with new premises and a newly fitted office space. the organisation is going from strength to strength.

The Know Your Rights course continues to provide essential information on common benefits such as PIP, ESA, Carers Allowance and Attendance Allowance.

New sessions will be added on Money Management, and getting the help you need to care for someone at home.

Details of all their work can be found on the website www.swlican.org or by contacting 01695 726269

Do you know a member of NHS staff who deserves special recognition at this year's Time to Shine awards

IT'S been an extraordinarily demanding year for your NHS staff coping with the demands of Covid-19.

Do you know a member of staff working at Southport and Ormskirk hospitals or in one of the Trust's services who deserves special recognition?

Patients and their families are being invited to nominate a member of staff or team from Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust as this year's People's Health Hero in the organisation's 12th and Time to Shine staff awards. 12th annual Chief executive Trish-Armstrong-Childs said: "Everyone has worked tirelessly in very challenging circumstances this year and I know our community will want to thank them all. But I also know there will be patients who remember the care, kindness or professionalism of a particular member of staff. This is your opportunity to recognise them.

Nominations for the People's Health Hero Award are open until midnight on Sunday, October 6. Any member of staff or team, in any role, is eligible

for a nomination providing they have worked Southport hospital, Ormskirk hospital or other services the Trust provides over the past 12 months. Nominations should be made at https://www.survey-monkey.co.uk/r/TTS20Hero or in writing to the Chief Executive at: Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust, Town Lane,

Kew, Southport, PR8 6PN.

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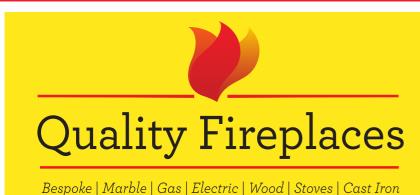
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Dogs have had behaviour changes due to

Dogs develop 'behaviour changes' due to lockdown

DOG owners claim their pets have developed "at least one new problem behaviour" during lockdown.

Research from the Dogs Trust claim that 30% of dog owners in the north west say the disrupted routine brought on by the coronavirus has led to a change in behaviour.

This includes an increase in whining or barking, they have become more clingy or seek more atten-

tion from people.

Rachel Casey, Director of Canine Behaviour and Research at Dogs Trust, said: "Whilst some dogs have been happy to have their human family at home more, others have been stressed by reduced exercise, inability to find a quiet place to rest or no contact with other dogs. Our research shows some early warning signs that lockdown had a negative

impact on some dogs' behaviour.
"A big worry for us is what the long-term impact of lockdown will have on dogs' ability to cope when left home alone. Dogs that had separation anxiety before the lockdown are likely to get worse when left again as owners head back to work - but we also expect to see new cases developing, because other dogs, and particularly puppies, have learnt to

expect company all day.

"We could well see a rise in the number of dogs needing our help or being abandoned because of

"Together, with the support of the public, we can change the tale. It is much easier to prevent problems that treat them, and we would urge people to visit our website or Dog School videos on YouTube for advice and support to help prevent these prob-lem behaviours from developing."

Water bills support for struggling households

A MAJOR water provider has changed one of its support schemes to help customers who have been affected financially by COVID-19. United Utilities' 'Back on Track' scheme,

which reduces water bills for people on low incomes and those who receive benefits or tax credits, has now been extended to include customers whose income has been impacted by the coronavirus. Jane Haymes, affordability manager at United

Utilities, explained: "We've updated the criteria of our existing Back on Track scheme so that these customers can now apply to have their water bill reduced to the end of March 2021. "We would urge any customer who is strug-

gling to pay to contact us to see how we can help, as there's a wide range of support available."



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Evan Sanchez on the challenge

Evan, 8, cycles from Burscough to Wigan for charity challenge!

By Danielle Thompson

AN eight-year-old has raised £100 for a homeless charity after taking on a sponsored bike ride from Burscough to Wigan.

Evan Sanchez, who is a pupil at St John's Primary School in Burscough, raised the funds for Light for Life.

Light for Life is a registered charity run by a team of dedicated professionals at Southport Housing Centre on Eastbank Street on behalf of Sefton Council.

They say the service is "the first point of call" for anyone in housing need in the South-

port and wider Sefton area.

Staff based at the centre deal with around 2,500 visits each year, from more than 1,000 members of the public requiring advice and assistance

Evan's mum Helen, said the challenge was all his own idea and his family are very proud of him.

She said: "We were sat outside one evening, with blankets, and Evan said that it made him feel very grateful and lucky that he was warm and safe. He decided then that he wanted to help rough sleepers so we chose Light for Life.

"He did really well, we are so proud of him – and it was all his idea."

Nominations still open for voluntary award

WEST Lancashire residents still have time to nominate a local voluntary group who are deserving of a special award.

Nominations are still being welcomed for the 2021 Queen's Award for Voluntary Service before the deadline of Friday, September 25.

This prestigious honour, which has the equivalent status to the MBE, recognises the exceptional contribution made to local communities by groups voluntarily devoting their time for the benefit of others.

In June this year, nine outstanding

In June this year, nine outstanding Lancashire groups were announced as amongst the recipients of the 2020 award from nominations made from across the UK, including Parbold Douglas Music Lancashire and Parbold Picture House.

Although the window for 2021 nominations has been open since April,

there is still time to submit a nomination before the closing date.

Nominations can be made by visiting https://gavs.culture.gov.uk/

Terry Hephrun, Deputy Lieutenant and Chairman of the Lancashire Queen's Award for Voluntary Service Advisory Panel, said: "I was delighted to see Lancashire have a record number of nominations and successes in the 2020 awards; nine organisations from across the county were successful.

"In normal circumstances, these awards would have already been presented by the Lord-Lieutenant at a County Hall Ceremony but, understandably, that is on hold for the time being

"The Lancashire Panel has been working hard to sustain that momentum for next year.

"The award recognises excellence in

volunteering and the nine chosen organisations are great examples of the strong voluntary sector we have in Lancashire.

"This year has been a demanding one for all of us, but the voluntary sector has responded magnificently to the challenges presented by the pandemic.

"Voluntary groups in Lancashire deserve to be recognised.
"In the 18 years since it was created

"In the 18 years since it was created by Her Majesty to mark the occasion of her Golden Jubilee in 2002, 70 groups from Lancashire have received The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service.

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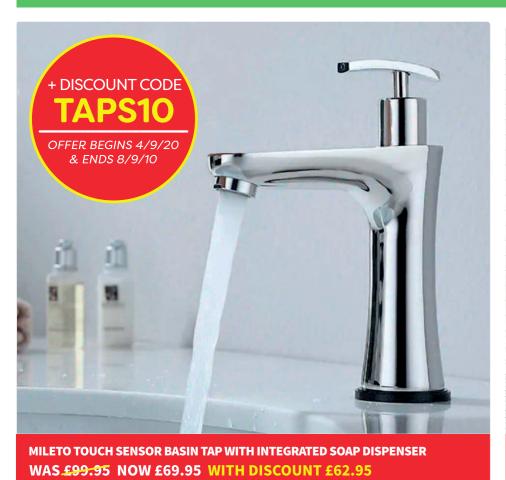


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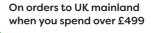


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More trains put on the track to meet increased demand

Report by **Tom Martin**

THERE will be more train services on the Ormskirk and Kirkby lines as more children go back to school and more adults return to work.

Merseyrail announced that from Monday, September 7, they will increase trains from a 30-minute service to a 15-minute service Monday to Saturday until approximately 7.30pm when it will return to every 30 minutes.

Sunday services on all lines will also be subject to change, with the majority of lines seeing an increase in frequency.

Andy Heath, Managing Director at Merseyrail, aid: "Merseyrail has continued to operate right throughout the pandemic, and in the last months as lockdown restrictions have eased we have been able to reintroduce services that were withdrawn during the peak of COVID-19.

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Trains will increase on the Ormskirk line

to welcoming more people back to Merseyrail. "As pupils and employees begin to return to public

transport for their commute from September, it is vital that our passengers follow advice for their own safety and the safety of those around them."

Full timetables can be found on the Merseyrail website, and passengers are encouraged to check

Digital bootcamp to offer boost to job prospects

A NEW digital bootcamp has been launched by chiefs at West Lancashire College.

The Power Up Digital Bootcamp is a government funded initiative to move people into digital roles with the aim of addressing locally identified digital skills gaps.

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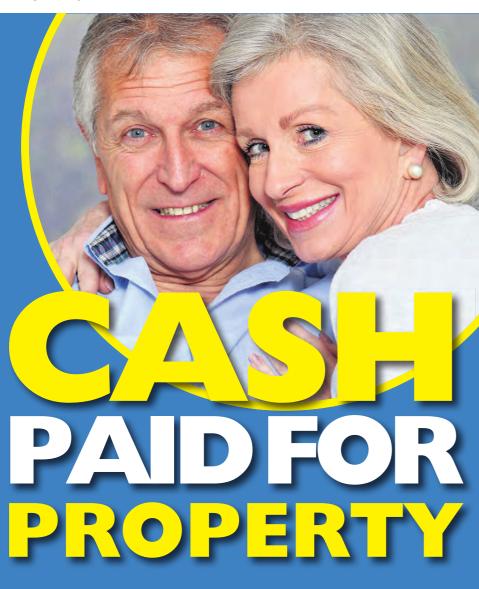


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Miles of open highways... then up pops just a few yards of 'protected space' for cyclists

I have written previously and others have written since, but I am compelled to write again after another fiasco on our roads.

I drive through Ormskirk on an almost daily basis and frustrated with sitting in Stanley Street through several changes of lights whilst waiting to turn right into Moor Street, I decided on an alternative route through town by turning right out of Tower Hill onto Wigan Road, as the sequence of lights appears to favour those approaching the town centre from that direc-

However, on turning onto Wigan Road from Tower Hill, I then joined a queue of traffic and it took me 15 minutes to reach the lights on St Helens Road - the reason... the pop up cycle

I have yet to see a bike in this lane. I have seen cars parked in there, but no bikes.

Now another of my routes, Yewtree Road, has

'Spray and chip' is cheap and nasty way to maintain roads

As a longstanding transport professional I never cease to be amazed by the ongoing use of the cheap and nasty 'spray and chip' approach to highways maintenance on our roads.

It is an easy way of being seen to cover a lot of ground for the money available: at the cost of tonnes of loose clippings which represent a skid hazard for all wheeled road users, a source of paint and windscreen damage to vehicles and a hazard to pedestrians (whether the chippings lie stationary on footways or are flying through the air propelled by passing vehicles).

Add to this the lack of road marking and the cas-

ual slapping around of the bitumen emulsion and you have a mess.

To cap it all, if you are going to employ this approach, it surely makes sense to fill in the potholes first!

'Spray and chip' merely seals the road surface, it does nothing to extend its structural life. A worn out road is a worn out road. It is cheap and nasty.

Fewer roads properly treated, i.e. scarified and reconstructed, would make far more sense and represent better value for money.

The rash of sink holes developing, and being the subject of botched repairs, thereby leading to their second or third reappearance is also evident - and

depressing.

Deal with the problem correctly and get it right first time please. This would reduce the overall cost and delay to road users. Congestion equals greater emissions of particulate matter and damage to be able.

Going green means doing the basics right first

Phil Halewood, Brighton-le-Sands

has enough traffic problems without the addition of so-called 'pop ups' and I pass through during the middle of the day. Heaven knows

what the situation is during 'busy' times.

My question is, how do you get yourself and your bike into these 'safe' areas?

Surely you must have to cycle along miles and miles of open roads to then benefit from a few yards of protected space, the protection being a few plastic bollards.

I think the threat we are all going to face is the increased emissions from standing traffic around the town centre rather than protecting people from the virus by the provision of a couple of areas of pop up.

Anne Burt. Burscough.

Send your letters to editor@champnews.com

Why is everything painted a depressing colour of dull grey?

I had a terrible dream last night.

I dreamed that all over West Lancashire, people were pulling up green hedges and trees and replacing them with painted grey fences. They were also painting the fronts of their houses, doors, and windows a

matching grey.
I looked around in despair. Gone were the heart-lifting green plants, and in their place, a dull greyness that caused my very soul to plum-met to the deepest depths of depression.

Gone, too, were the warm tones of brick and stone, which had been replaced by varying shades of dull grey paint. I opened my eyes on

awakening, only to realise that it was not a dream at all, but, in fact, an ever increasing reality!

People all over Sefton, and every-where else seem to have developed a penchant for depressioninducing greyness, which I don't doubt they think smart and stylish. Almost everyone I

have spoken to about it despises it as much as I do; sharing my deep concerns that should this trend continue, our country will become the most depressing place to live on the planet.

Come on, people of West Lancs! Green up, don't grey down!

J. Brown

'My record on solar panels in borough stands up to scrutiny'

Not for the first time, Cllr Ian Moran throws around grossly inaccurate statements in an attempt to distract from the failings of West Lan-cashire Borough Council on energy efficiency

highlighted by Cllr Rigby.
When I was Deputy Leader of the Council, I instigated the installation of the very first solar panels on council buildings in the Borough including on the council's own offices in Orm-

I never once turned down any proposal for solar panels as Cllr Moran inaccurately states.

He should instead recall that I worked closely with councillors of all parties including Labour colleagues of his on the Firbeck revival in

On that project, I approved spending to provide

external insulation on these homes far in excess of minimum standards - insulation that has saved tenants and owners of these houses many hundreds of pounds on their fuel bills every year since and reduced carbon emissions accord-

Instead of trying to distract from the point raised by Cllr Rigby, Cllr Moran should address the point raised and ask himself why, given the Council agreed more than 12 months ago to aim for carbon neutrality, councillors were asked to approve new council housing the other week that doesn't come close to that aspiration?

> Cllr Adrian Owens, Our West Lancashire

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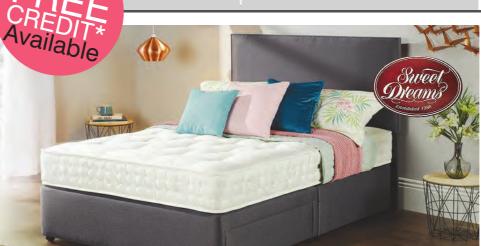
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Campaigners want eviction ban extended again due to fears over homelessness

Report by **Tom Martin**

CAMPAIGNERS are calling for a ban on evictions to be extended further with fears it could lead to more homelessness.

Landlords won't be able to evict tenants in West Lancashire until September 20 after the govern-

ment announced an extension to the ban, which was originally due to end in

A five month pause on evictions brought on by lockdown was due to end on August 23, but fears were raised that thousands of people in England could lose their homes and the government made a last minute U-

Despite the delay, there are still calls to do more to stop evictions when the ban is eventually lifted on September 20.

Rick Henderson, Chief Executive of Homeless Link, said: "We know that one of the main causes of homelessness is an end to a shorthold tenancy.

"Lifting the ban on evictions will only delay the inevitable, resulting in more people living on the streets at a time when government has worked with the homelessness sector bring people in dur-

ing the pandemic.
"We need to see solutions, rather than action that bolsters the problems. Extending the evictions ban to the end of the calendar year, providing grants to tenants to cover the cost of their housing, and funding holistic support for individuals, are all things that government can do to prevent an increase in homelessness this winter and keep everyone in for good."

This has been backed by West Lancashire members of the Liberal Democrat Party

Spokesperson Ben Lowe for West Lancs said:

Rick Henderson from the Homeless Link wants another extension to the

"Families in West Lancashire must be protected from homelessness. Instead,

it seems like the Conservatives are happy to leave people to fend for themselves at a time when jobs are at risk and people are struggling.

"People deserve better. These figures are yet fur-ther proof the Government must rethink its heartless decision.

Housing Secretary Robert Jenrick said he was 'supporting renters over winter" amid the ongoing effects of the coronavirus outbreak adding that, when the ban was lifted, the most serious cases of anti-social behaviour, other crimes, and unpaid

rent for over a year would be dealt with first.

However, a landlords' group described the blanket extension as 'unacceptable'.

Ben Beadle, chief executive of the National Resid-

ential Landlords Association, said: "Landlords have been left powerless in exercising their legal right to deal with significant arrears unrelated to Covid-19. anti-social behaviour and extremely disruptive tenants who make life miserable for their neighbours and housemates. Private landlords cannot be expected to foot the bill for government failure.'

Exciting times lie ahead for **Tarleton Rugby Club**

The club is back up and running after an enforced lay off due to the Coronavirus. Following a socially distanced end of season presentation in glorious August sunshine all teams from Under 7's to Seniors have now returned to training.

With our new Head of Rugby, Nick King taking the reins. Nick will Coach the 1st XV but will also be responsible for all coach development for Minis. Junior and Colts.

Nick has already strengthened the Seniors coaching team and has brought an excitement and dynamism to Senior training, which re-started in July.

The club has adopted a motto of 'one badge - one club' to make clear to everyone that the club is equally focused



on all teams and not just the Senior Rugby Section. As Head of Rugby Nick

This club has always developed its players from Minis through to Seniors. Last season we regularly had 15 of the 18 man squad for the 1st XV that played Mini and

Junior rugby at the club. That is why I will be working hard to ensure that we give all our coaches the skills they need to develop the young talent in their teams. The One Badge, One Club is a powerful motto and one that the while club has received phenomenally well. We were delighted that so many players of all age groups, parents, friends and volunteers attended our recent Party on the Pitch Awards Day. We are excited that we have so many people keen to support all age groups both male and female encouraging them to play rugby at Tarleton'.



Clubs Executive has skillfully navigated the club through the turbulent waters created by Covid 19. Alongside ensuring the clubs long term viability, a safe environment has been upmost within which all players have been allowed to return to train. Club Chairman lan Jackson said; Since training was able



to restart in July, we have seen record numbers in attendance. We remain determined as a club to have a rugby ethos that works for every age group within the club. Not only do we develop rugby skills, but we develop our players as well to help them in their general life in the broader community. It's been great to see so many people down at the club and enjoying themselves. We can't wait to get playing again and hope that that day is not too far away'

The Club is strictly following the RFU's return to rugby protocol.

Tarleton Rugby Club is now building for the future. The Club is looking to welcome new players from5 years old upwards. We have a phenomenal structure, great coaching and an ability to help young boys, girls, men and women develop their skills in a fantastic sport.

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Seb, 6, runs four miles to his nan's house to raise money for charity!

Report by **Tom Martin**

A YOUNGSTER ran from his house in Aughton all the way to his nan's in Lydiate to raise more than £1,800 for charity.

Seb Currie, who is only six years old, completed a four mile run on Saturday, August 22 in an impressive time of 46 minutes to raise funds for Edukid.

The charity helps children living in poverty and conflict have an education and Seb, who attends Aughton Christ Church School, chose the cause

His proud mum, Kate, said: "I ran with Seb and he achieved a very impressive time. 46 minutes for 6k, aged six, is not bad at all!

"He didn't complain he was tired once. His aunties, uncles, cousins and nanny all came to ours to wave us off and school friends came out from their house along the way to cheer him on, and then when we made it to Lydiate to his grandma's house there were more family there cheering, complete with a ribbon to run through."
"Seb has now got to over £1,800 and we can't

believe it!



Seb during his run

Suicide support service to help young people

A NATIONAL suicide prevention charity has launched a new guide to help desperate parents who fear for their children's lives.

PAPYRUS Prevention of Young Suicide says families across the UK feel powerless and with nowhere to turn as their children suffer mental anguish and distress.

The new guide, called 'Sup-porting Your Child - Self-Harm and Suicide', offers practical and professional advice to help break the

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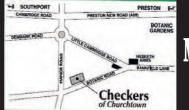


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£13m fund to give boost to economy across Lancashire and help 'accelerate projects'

Report by Tom Martin

NEARLY £13million will be used to accelerate projects and schemes across Lancashire to boost the economy following the impact of Covid-19.

Lancashire County Council, which will look to approve the fund at a meeting tomorrow (Thursday, September 3), wants to support projects that have the 'dual benefit'

of tackling the immediate impacts of the virus outbreak together with unlocking economic recovery and growth in the longer

It is proposed that the funding will be allocated by the end of March 2021, with the aim of completing the majority of schemes by March 2024.

The move comes as council officers have already started to identify major projects that could bring billions of pounds into Lancashire.

The country council's own major project and strategic development plans also have the potential to deliver a significant portion of investment

Geoff Driver, leader of the council, said: "At the beginning of the year we were in the process of bringing forward ambitious plans for economic growth together with setting out our vision for the whole of Lancashire to become the UK City of Culture in 2025.

"Work had already begun on plans for major development and infrastructure to transform our economy and fully realise our potential for the benefit of all our residents, businesses and communities. "Unfortunately we are all

aware of the huge impact coronavirus has had in Lancashire since then, both in terms of the tragic human cost as well as the economic impact.

"But we are determined to build on the foundations we already had in place to help our towns, attractions, countryside and destinations, while supporting industry, stimulating business growth

and creating new jobs.
"In fact we are not looking to return to business as usual, but be even more ambitious for our county and future prosperity.

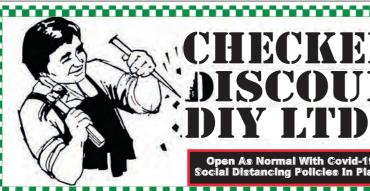
"There are many exciting schemes we are now looking to progress and these additional funds will enable us to continue with those plans as well as helping the county's economy recover from COVID.

Club bowled over by £4,000 sports grant

THE Botanic Gardens Bowling Club in Churchtown has been boosted by £4,000 of National Lottery funding from Sport England's Community Emer gency Fund towards their essential expenses during the

ongoing pandemic. The grant will allow Botanic Gardens Bowling Club to meet its necessary expenditure for maintenance of the greens, insurance, rent, utility charges and repairs to the floodlights.

Tim Hollingsworth, Sport England's Chief Executive, said: "We are proud to be able to provide vital funding to Botanic Gardens Bowling Club to help it through extremely challenging times."



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Old Roan owners fined £16k for letting former pub turn into eyesore



Councillors Paula Murphy and Marion Atkinson outside the Old Roan

Report by **Tom Martin**

OWNERS of the derelict Old Roan pub have been fined just under £16,000 for letting the building turn into an

eyesore.

The well known Aintree pub, on the corner of Ormskirk Road and Copy Lane, closed in August 2013 and has remained empty ever since.

There have been many false dawns for the building, including plans to reopen it as a pub, turn it into shops and most recently a Turkish restaurant, with all of these proposals failing to materialise.
The poor state of the pub and its grounds

have become such an issue for local residents that Midlands-based letting agency Commercial Realty Ltd, which owns the site, was sent a Community Protection Notice (CPN) in September last year ordering them to carry out remedial works within five weeks.

When the firm failed to take action, it led to Sefton Council taking them to court

and on Tuesday, August 25 they were fined £15,942.41 by magistrates.

The decision has been welcomed by lead a councillary Paylor Murrhy and

local councillors Paula Murphy and Marion Atkinson, who have been pressuring Commercial Realty to take action.
Cllr Murphy said: "This is great news

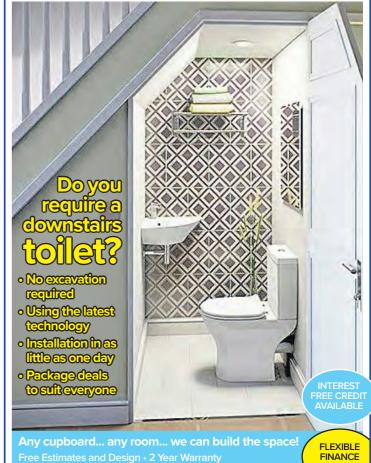
and sends a message to those owners of business properties who think they can get away with buying up assets then leav-ing them to turn into eyesores for our

residents and visitors.

"The process has been a long one but with the perseverance of Sefton Council Enforcement Team and us as councillors we finally have a positive outcome for our residents

Councillor Marion Atkinson now wants a long term future for the pub and is asking the owners to come forward with their

Cllr Atkinson said: "The Old Roan pub was my local pub for many years and it really annoys me to see it looking the way it does, I pass it every day. Unfortunately, the Turkish restaurant that was interested in the site pulled out and we've been left





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National Dementia Carers Day Sunday 13th September 2020



Many people living with dementia rely on the love, support and care of family members, friends and unpaid carers. National Dementia Carers' Day, founded by Dementia UK, SweetTree Home Care Services and the Alzheimer's Society was established to share, recognise, and support this crucial role.

Now in its sixth year, the annual awareness day will this year take place on Sunday 13th September 2020, within Alzheimer's Awareness Month. It aims to highlight the huge number of informal and family carers who provide innovative and compassionate

support for relatives with dementia every day. Each of the foundering organisations is dedicated to improving the quality of life for people living with dementia and the quality of life of those caring for a loved one living with the condition. The founders are aligned in the overall aim of raising awareness of and supporting the role of informal dementia carers. Caring for a loved one with dementia poses many challenges for families and caregivers. Living with dementia requires having the right care, and it's time to recognise and share what it means to be a carer.







Dementia UK

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Alzheimer's Society

Alzheimer's Society is the UK 's leading support and research charity for people with dementia, their families and carers. They provide information and support to people with any form of dementia and their carers through their publications, National Dementia Helpline, website, and more than 2,000 local services. They campaign for better quality of life

for people with dementia and greater understanding of dementia. They also fund an innovative programme of medical and social research into the cause, cure and prevention of dementia and the care people receive.

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This month we celebrate the sixth year of National Dementia Carers Day, 13th September 2020. This day highlights the huge number of informal and family carers who provide innovative and compassionate support for their relatives with forms of dementia daily. Everyone at Highpoint Care would like to sincerely acknowledge and thank all 'informal carers' who have shown and continue to show immense levels of care and compassion for their unpaid and often unrecognised work especially in what has been an incredibly difficult few months for everyone involved in the Social Care Sector nationwide.

This annual awareness day takes place during Alzheimer's Awareness Month and the management at Highpoint Care would like to take this opportunity to thank all our conscientious staff who work tirelessly and do a brilliant job in caring for our residents across both our Care Homes particularly through the recent difficult times. Highpoint's purple and Alzheimer's purple both combine the calm stability of blue and the passionate energy of red, emphasising that both are strong and unrelenting in their fight against Alzheimer's disease.

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Dementia Friendly Bathrooms

The bathroom is one of the most challenging and dangerous places for a person living with dementia.

Dementia can cause someone's perception of danger to steadily diminish and the bathroom can become a dangerous and confusing place. People with dementia are twice as likely to fall and these falls result in significantly higher mortality rates than for others in the same age group. Hazards are numerous and include trip points, slippery floors, hot water and confusing layouts. What was once a comfortable and familiar room can become a challenging and sometimes frightening place that can cause upset, frustration and a reluctance to use the bathroom

What is a dementia-friendly bathroom?

A dementia-friendly bathroom is one where simple but careful consideration of design can reduce the barriers that people with dementia can face in carrying out daily living activities, greatly improving their safety and preserving their independence for as long as possible.

Someone with dementia may progressively lose safety awareness and as a result they will become more vulnerable to scalding. Select thermostatic taps and showers. Use low surface temperature radiators or even better, underfloor heating. Don't leave pipework exposed as this can get extremely hot.

Avoid sharp edges on any fixtures in the bathroom in case of falls. Remove the bath and install a level access shower to reduce trip hazards. Include a shower seat to reduce the likelihood of falling when showering. Choose PET plastic shower screens, not glass and consider installing under-floor heating only so there is no radiator to fall against. Choose shower curtains with a breathable fabric to prevent suffocation if the person with dementia passes out, falls and becomes entangled

Short term memory loss and forgetfulness can lead to a risk of flooding. Consider selecting a shower that automatically turns off after 30 minutes of use. For flood prevention consider using flood-proof plugs or don't provide a plug at all

Use contrasting colours to clearly define the showering and toilet areas so the user can safely and effectively locate and use them. The shower curtain and shower seat need to be a different and clearly contrasting plain colour to the wall behind it to make it easy to find the showering area. The toilet needs to be a different colour to the wall behind it, the toilet seat needs to be a different colour to the toilet pan / cistern and any grab rails also need to be strongly contrasting colours to the walls they are attached to.













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(11453 GRIMSHAW GREEN LANE RISPHAM WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC)

ORDER 2020
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to

Regulation ACT 1984, as amenaed, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that of U453 Grimshaw Green Lane, Bispham from B5246 Hall Lane, Bispham to C172 Maltkiln Lane, Bispham.

2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.

3. The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours on Monday 7th 3. The prohibition will be operative from usou nours on monay? In September 2020 until 1700 hours on Friday 11th September 2020 or until completion of the works within this period.

4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via: B5246 Robin Lane, Bispham – B5246 Robin Lane, Hilldale – C173 Chorley Road, Hilldale – C172 Maltkiln Lane, Bispham and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow the excavation of a road crossing to be carried out by O'C onnor Utilities Ltd on behalf of ENWL. Authority given for this Order to be made:

Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref. HR iT/24526/EW]

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West Lancashire Borough Council Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15

APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION 2020/0593/FUL Variation of condition no 3 imposed on planning permission 2019/0137/FUL in order to make minor amendments to the ground floor plan and the front elevation at 27 Granville Park, Aughton The application affects a Conservation Area.

The application affects a Conservation Area.

2020/0657/FUL Remove the shed from the side of the house and replace it with a lean-to shed. (retrospective) at 11 Whitefield Close, Rufford. The application affects a Conservation Area.

2020/0679/FUL Use as caravan site comprising up to 12 caravans for full residential occupancy, up to 7 static caravans for holiday purposes and associated amenity grassland plus trees/additional landscaping with a year round open season (including those areas already deemed lawful for use by 12 caravans allowed for the occupancy and provided to the occupancy and the occupancy use by 12 caravans allowed to be occupied residentially. 5 allowed for al use and the storage of caravans) at Caravan Site, Newbridge topgate Lane, Simonswood.

seasonal use and the storage or caravaris) at Caravari Site, reswingle Farm, Stopgate Lane, Simonswood.

This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.

2020/0683/FUL Change of and alteration of former care home to provide 16 extra care apartments (Use Class C2) together with minor extensions, communal facilities, landscaping and car parking at Silver Birch Lodge. Bold Lane, Aughton.

Bold Lane, Aughton.
The application affects a Conservation Area,
2020/0717LBC Listed Building Consent - Alteration to existing opening
on side elevation to replace ground floor window with door. Internal
alterations including demolition of existing wall, reduce floor level and new
timber stud walls at Manor Cottage, Miry Lane, Parbold.
The application affects a Conservation Area.
The application affects a Listed Building.
2020/0749/LBC Listed Building. Consent - Internal alterations with new
and amended external doors/windows to later extension of grade II listed.

and amended external doors/windows to later extension of grade II listed building at Stand Farm, Spa Lane, Lathom.

building at Stand Farm, Spa Lane, Lathorn.

The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. If it is not possible for you to view the application via the Council's website please contact the office to discuss alternative arrangements for viewing the application. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e-mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development, Henttage & Environment Manager, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 24 days of the date of this notice quoting the must be received within 24 days of the date of this notice quoting the

application number.

Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development

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on request.

Heldi McDougall BSc (Hons), MBA Dated; 2nd September 2020

Corporate Director of Place & Community PDNOT1103

.ANCAS HIRE COUNTY COUNCIL C107 COTTAGE LANE. ORMS KIRK. WEST LANCAS HIRE

SOROUGH)
TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2020
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to porarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

In Profession Shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of C107 Cottage Lane, Ormskirk from A59 County Road, Ormskirk to 107 Asmall Lane, Ormskirk.

Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying with the works.

3. The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours on Monday 14th eptember 2020 until 2359 hours on Monday 28th September 2020 or until completion of the works within this period. 4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:

4. An a iternative route for venicular trainic affected by the closure is via:-C107 Asmall Lane, Ormskirk - C107 Asmall Lane, Scarisbrick - Asmall Lane, Halsall - C107 North Moor Lane, Halsall - A5147 Halsall Road, Halsall - A5147 GorsuchLane, Scarisbrick - A570 Southport Road, Scarisbrick - A570 Southport Road, Ormskirk - A59 County Road and

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow repairs to a defective sewer to be carried out by Amey Plc. on behalf of United Utilities.

Authority given for this Order to be made:

Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and
Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref. HRIT/24591/EW]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (B5375 SKULL HOUSE LANE AND B5375 APPLEY LANE NORTH, APPLEY BRIDGE, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2020

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over the following lengths of highway in the West Lancashire Borough: B5375 Skull House Lane, Appley Bridge from C162 Appley Lane North to the boundary between the borough of West Lancashire and

Vigan Council. . B5375 Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge from C162 Appley Lane lorth to a point 120m South of its junction with U830 Finch Lane,

Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying ut of the works.

out of the works.

3. The prohibition will be operative daily from 0930 hours until 1500 hours from Priday 18th September 2020 to Friday 25th September 2 or until completion of the works within this period. Only one closure will be in place at any one time.

4. Alternative routes for vehicular traffic affected by the closures are

B5375 Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge – A5209 Hall Lane – A5209 Crow Orchard Road, Wrightington (into Wigan Council) – Back Lane, Wigan Council – B5375 Miles Lane, Wigan Council and vice versa. Appley Lane North

Appley Lane North

B5375 Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge – A5209 Hall Lane – A5209
Crow Orchard Road, Wrightington (into Wigan Council) – Back Lane,
Wigan Council – B5375 Miles Lane, Wigan Council (into West
Lancashire Borough) – B5375 Skull House Lane, Appley Bridge and

he temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway resurfacing works to be carried out by Lancashire County Council Authority given for this Order to be made:

Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRiT/23822/EW]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(U383 ABBEYDALE, BURSCOUGH, U385 CROFT AVENUE,
BURSCOUGH AND U383 ELLERBROOK DRIVE, BURSCOUGH,
WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2020

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have ned an Order under Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over the following lengths of highway in the borough of West Lancashire:

io U383 Abbeydale, Burscough in its entirety.
ii. U383 Abbeydale, Burscough in its entirety.
iii. U385 Croft Avenue, Burscough in its entirety.
iii. U383 Ellerbrook Drive, Burscough from U383 Abbeydale, Burscough
to B5241 Junction Lane, Burscough.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying

out of the works. 3. The prohibition will be operative daily between 0800 hours and 1800

hours from Friday 11th September 2020 until Tuesday 15th Septeml 2020 or until completion of the works within this period. **Please note** that the closures on U383 Abbeydale, Burscough and U385 Croft Avenue, Burscough will not be in place at the same time as the closure on U383 Ellerbrook Drive, Burscough.

4. Alternative routes for vehicular traffic affected by the closure are as

U383 Abbeydale, Burscough and U385 Croft Avenue, Burscough

U383 Ellerbrook Drive, Burscough
U383 Ellerbrook Drive, Burscough – U384 Millbank Brow, Burscough –

A5209 Briars Lane, Burscough – B5241 Lunction Lane, Burscough and vice

versa.
The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway inlay works to be carried out by Lancashire County Council.
Authority given for this Order to be made:

Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRIT/23917/EW]

Lancashire County Council

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LANCAS HIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (B5246 STATION ROAD, RUFFORD, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2020 MOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle or cycle to proceed over that length of B5246 Station Road, Rufford from a point 50m West of e boundary between the Borough of West Lancashire and the orough of Chorley for a distance of 60m.

Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying

out of the works.

3. The prohibition will be operative from 0730 hours until 2030 hours on unday 13th September 2020 or until completion of the works within

this period.

4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:

85246 S tation Road, Rufford – B5246 Meadow Lane, Mawdesley –

85246 Rufford Road, Mawdesley – B5246 Rufford Road, Bispham –

85246 Hall Lane, Bispham – B5246 Robin Lane, Bispham – B5246

Robin Lane, Hilldale – B5246 Chorley Road, Hilldale – B5246 Chorley Robin Lane, Hilldale – B5246 C horley Road, Hilldale – B5246 C horley Road, Parbold – B5246 Lancaster Lane, Parbold – A5209 Alder Lane Parbold – A5209 Ash Brow, Newburgh – A5209 Course Lane, Newburgh – A5209 Lowry Hill Lane, Lathom – A5209 Briars Lane, Lathom – A5209 Briars Lane, Burscough – A5209 Square Lane, Burscough – A59 Liverpool Road South, Burscough – A59 Liverpool Road North, Burscough – A59 Moss Lane, Burscough – A59 Causeway Lane, Rufford – A59 Liverpool Road, Rufford – B5246 Diamond J ubilee Road, Rufford – B5246 Station Road, Rufford and vice versa. The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow the monitoring of rail corrosion to be carried out by Centurion Site Services on behalf of

Authority given for this Order to be made: Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRIT/23736/EW]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (B5246 STATION ROAD, RUFFORD,
WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2020
(TEMPORARY AMENDMENT) ORDER 2020

(TEMPORARY AMENDMENT) ORDER 2020
The Lancashire County Council ("the County Council") in exercise of its powers under Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, (the Act), and of all other enabling powers, HEREBY makes the following Order:
The Lancashire County Council (B5246 Station Road, Rufford, West Lancashire Borough) (Temporary Prohibition Of Through Traffic) Order 2020, is hereby temporarily Amended in that:
i. To amend Article 3 as follows:

I. 10 amend Article 3 as follows:
The prohibition will be operative from 2330 hours on Saturday 10th
October until 0630 hours on Monday 12th October 2020 or until
completion of the works within this period.
This Temporary Amendment Order shall come into operation on
Thursday 25th J une 2020 and may be cited as "The Lancashire
County Council (B5246 Station Road, Rufford, West Lancashire Borough) (Temporary Prohibition Of Through Traffic) Order 2020 (Temporary Amendment) Order 2020"

Nethority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and
Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRiT/23736/EW/1]

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CKNOWLEDGEMENTS

DUNHAM MATTHEW

Sue, Christian & Annie would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to all relatives, friends and colleagues for their kind expressions of sympathy, cards, messages and generous donations received in memory of Matt.

Your thoughts, prayers and the presence of so many who came to pay their respects at the funeral were a source of great comfort to us.

Special thanks to Rev. John Sephton who conducted the service for being so understanding and supportive. Also thanks to the staff at Cookson Tyrer Funeral Directors for their care and attention



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CHEETHAM (Nee: Rridge) Violet (Vi)

Roy, Dawn, Mark & Craig would like to express their heartfelt thanks to all family and friends for their very helpful, loving support, messages & generous donations. To MLS Funeral Directors – second to none with their help. quidance, respect & consideration. We could not have had

better. To Flowerstyle by Laurie for the most lovely floral display, Tony Packwood & Niece Catherine for the most loving caring respectful service - it

was beautiful. Special thanks to all the lovely staff at O'Briens tearooms who gave us an amazing Funeral Tea – Thank-you, Mum would have loved it. Dawn (Alan's fresh fish stall, Ormskirk) would like to say a special thank-you to all our lovely customers for their very heartfelt caring words, which were most appreciated at this very dark & heartbreaking time.

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WOODTHORPE **SYLVIA**

27th August 2020 Peacefully aged 101 vears of Skelmersdale

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DANDY **HENRY** "HARRY"

21st August 2020 In Hospital **Aged 87 years**

Dearly loved Dad of Jean and lan and Father-in -Law of John and Bernie. Loving Grandad of Steven, Kevin, Mark and Mathew and Great Grandad to Harry, Jacob, Ben and Oliver Reunited with his loving Wife Ann.

A Funeral Service was held at West Lancashire Crematorium. Burscough on Tuesday 1st September 2020. Donations if desired are being accepted for Queens Court Hospice c/o the funeral director.

All enquiries to: Neal Buckley Funeral Home, 49 Church Road, Tarleton, Lancashire, PR4 6UQ Tel; 01772 301700 DEATHS

TAYLOR IRENE

17th August 2020 Peacefully, surrounded by her family Aged 97 years.

Much loved Mum of John, Pam and Karen. Loving Granny and Nanny to all of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Irene will be sadly missed and forever loved by all her family and friends.

Funeral service and committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Monday 7th September 2020 at 12 noon. Close family only to attend due to current restrictions. Family flowers only by request please but donations if desired can be made to Alzheimer's Society in memory of Irene.

Further enquiries please to Brookfields Funeralcare, 73-75 Shakespeare Street, Southport, PR8 5AJ Tel: 01704 532106

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DEATHS

STANTON ELIZABETH ALDRIDGE

21st August 2020

Fell asleep peacefully. in Manchester House, Southport, aged 88 years



Best friends with Bete, dearly loved by Celiene, Jonathan, Patti, Tom, John, Annette, Seamus, Joanne, Kathryn and Philip. Adored Granny Elizabeth to Ben, Dan, Lucy, Tom, Matthew Maria, Conor. Mamie, Myles, Piers, Grace, James, Sarah, and Katie. Lovingly cared for by Josie and Stephanie. Very sadly missed by the Parishioners and Choir at St. Patrick's R.C. Church, Southport, where she was a faithful servant and supporter for many years.

A former Head Teacher at Holy Cross Catholic Primary School, Fontenoy St. Liverpool, she joins her Sister Shelia and Brothers Bob and Ted in their heavenly home - Rest in peace dearest Elizabeth - We all miss you and love vou so much!

Family Requiem, Friday 4th September 2 pm at St. Patrick's R.C. Church. Southport, followed by Committal at Southport Crematorium. Any donations, grateful accepted, to St. Patrick's R.C. Church, Southport PR9 9TJ.

Further enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors 1-5 Roe Lane Southport PR9 9DR, Tel 01704 500086

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BROWN JOHN

After a long illness peacefully in Parklands **Lodge Nursing Home on 26th August 2020** aged 96 years.

Much loved Husband of the late Liz. Dear Dad of Graeme and Linsay. Dear Father-in-law of Paul and Philippa. Dear Granda of Abi Adam Rosie, Lucy, Poppy and James. Great Grandfather to Evie John will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Funeral Service and Committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Wednesday 16th September 2020 at 12 noon. Due to current circumstances only immediate family are able to attend the funeral service. Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for the Alzheimer's Society.

Further enquiries to: Moisters Funeralcare, 8 Station Road Ainsdale, Southport, Tel: 01704 575282.

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WALSH **FRANCES** (FRAN)

24th August 2020 Aged 79 years



A Beloved Wife of Jimmy, A Loving Mum of Geoffrey and second Mum to Paul. A much loved Sister to Billy and sister in law to Chris. A very special Auntie to he Nephew Tony and Niece Sue and many great nephews and nieces. Dear friends of Pat, Brenda, Dot, Pam and Jean all her friends at Southport and Skelmersdale. She will be very sadly missed by all her family and many friends. Funeral service and cremation at Anfield Crematorium on Friday 4th September at 12 noon Family flowers only. donations welcome to The British Heart

All enquires to Debbie Bennett Funeral Directors, 31 High Street, Prescot, L34 6HE Tel 0151 426 3131 Where Fran will be resting

Foundation.

WRIGHT ROBERT GARY

(known as Gary)

After a short illness peacefully at home on 24th August 2020, aged 60 years.

Much loved Husband of Julie Much loved Dad of Matt and Kim. Dear Father-in-Law of Trevor and Jade. Loving Grandad of Tyler, Charlie, Lola, Sienna and Thomas.

> Gary will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Funeral Service and Committal will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Tuesday 8th September 2020 at 11.00am.

Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for Cancer Research

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In much way that the Vauxhall Senator would have been a couple of years earlier – and the Ford Granada and Rover SD1 a decade or so before that – the V70 was the quick police car of my childhood.



Only it should have been the even more powerful and better-balanced BMW M3 Touring – if only the chaps in Munich had actually made such a thing at the time.

Now, roughly 25 years on, they've finally got around to it. They've toyed with the idea before, creating load-lugging versions of various previous M3s, but for whatever reason they've always concluded that going fast and carrying IKEA palletes should be the domain of the bigger, faster, and far pricier M5.

BMW's own press release on the subject is wonderfully vague, saying only that it'll be a bit wider than the current 3-Series Touring and that it'll be full of the 'iconic M DNA' which makes it sound like it's been hanging out too much with clubbers at an illegal lockdown rave.

Happily, you can piece together enough from what it'll be sharing with the forthcoming M4 to assume it'll share its turbocharged straight six, good for either 480bhp or 510bhp in Competition spec, the option of four-wheel-drive, a six-speed manual gearbox and a starting price of somewhere around £80k.

I'm guessing that even with the current pledge to increase funding for the nation's policing, that's going to be a bit steep.

All of which means that motorway policing is going to remain the preserve, of course, of the other fast practical kind of BMW – the X5, which has been the staple of road traffic officers for at least a decade now.

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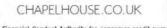


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